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Silk Production
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of sericulture in the country;

(b) the rank of India in silk production in the world;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of silk in the country and contributes nearly 20% of country's total silk production; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government is encouraging Andhra Pradesh to produce and export more silk in order to benefit sericulture farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): The status of silk production in the country during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17) is given in Annexure-I.

(b): India is the second largest producer of Silk in the world, next to China, contributing about 14% of the world's raw silk production.

(c) & (d): Yes. Andhra Pradesh is the 2nd highest producer of silk in the country after Karnataka. Andhra Pradesh contributed around 20% of the country's total silk production during 2016-17. Andhra Pradesh has produced 5,970 MTs of raw silk during 2016-17, against total silk production of 30,348 MT in the country. The steps taken by Government to produce and export more silk in order to encourage sericulture farmers are given in Annexure-II.